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ELECTRONIC FILING OF CABLE SPECIAL RELIEF PETITIONS AND OVER-THE-AIR RECEPTION DEVICES PROCEEDINGS

On February 4, 2011, the Commission released a Report and Order revising Part 1 and Part 0 of its rules.¹ Among those revisions are new regulations requiring the docketing and electronic filing of all newly filed Cable Special Relief Petitions and Over-the-Air Reception Devices (“OTARD”) proceedings.² During the transition to a comprehensive docketing regime, the *Part 1 Order* permits Bureaus not to assign a formal docket number to certain proceedings if, in the considered judgment of staff, it would not be in the public interest to do so.³ Similarly, the *Part 1 Order* states that, during the transition to a comprehensive electronic filing regime, Bureaus may permit paper filings, if doing so would be in the public interest.⁴

In accordance with the *Part 1 Order*, the Media Bureau will be migrating newly filed Cable Special Relief Petitions and OTARD proceedings to a formal docketing system and will be utilizing the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (“ECFS”) in connection with those complaints. However, prior to doing so, the Commission’s procedures for processing Cable Special Relief Petitions and OTARD proceedings must be modified in certain respects to facilitate the docketing and electronic filing changes. Accordingly, until such time as the revised Cable Special Relief Petitions and OTARD procedures are implemented and effective, the Media Bureau deems it to be in the public interest to defer the implementation of the docketing and electronic filing requirements for newly filed Cable Special Relief Petitions and OTARD proceedings.⁵

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¹ *Amendment of Certain of the Commission’s Part 1 Rules of Practice and Procedure and Part 0 Rules of Commission Organization*, FCC 11-16, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 1594 (2011) (“*Part 1 Order*”).

² *Id.* at ¶¶ 10, 15.

³ *Id.* at ¶ 10.

⁴ *Id.* at ¶ 15.

⁵ Note that these new rules do not affect existing Cable Special Relief Petitions and OTARD proceedings.